

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On May 11, 1947, a boy child was born and christened Robert Olaf Thoen; and,

WHEREAS, Bob grew to manhood in Sioux Falls and received diplomas from O'Gorman High School, and Sioux Falls College; and,

WHEREAS, Bob married Mary Beth Chalus and they have been blessed with three sons, Erik, Matthew and Joey, setting the stage for the next major event in Bob's life—grandfatherhood; and,

WHEREAS, It took his older sister, Mickey, a year to realize he was truly over the hill; and,

WHEREAS, Mickey, states that at one time he was a useful member of the Thoen family, but his usefulness is drawing quickly to a close as he approaches the age of Genitrol, dentures, prunes and Medicare; and,

WHEREAS, Bob Thoen is racing to his FORTY-FIRST birthday, an event which will end his trustworthiness and relegate his social life to rocking chairs and lap hugs; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to proclaim to all of South Dakota that Bob Thoen is just plain OLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. NICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11, 1988, as

ROBERT OLAF THOEN IS OVER THE HILL DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all of Bob's many friends and relatives to mock him and rub it in, because he is now a member in good standing of the "Over-the-Hill Gang."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. NICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN BAZELLINE, SECRETARY OF STATE